

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 20, 28, and 46 have been amended, and claims 11-12, 14-23, 25-31, and 45-46 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 20 to depend from claim 17, the amendment to claim 28 to fix a grammatical mistake, and the amendment to claim 46 to properly recite the claim as a method, do not involve a reopening of prosecution or a change of scope of the claims requiring additional search or consideration by the Examiner. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments are appropriate for approval and entry in an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312. MPEP 714.16.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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